

CHESAPEAKE BAY DOGS AWAIT DAY

Although Old, Breed Is Well Known to Few but Real Fanciers.

STRONG, FAITHFUL AND INTELLIGENT

All Celebrities Trace Line Back Nearly to the Colonial Times.

Lovers of the Chesapeake Bay dogs are wondering just how long it will be before these aborigines of the Middle Atlantic States will receive the recognition to which their beauty, intelligence and faithfulness entitle them. When may they reasonably be expected to become the lion of the hour, the favorite of Dame Fashion, who rules in the changes in the dog world?

Nearly every dog has had his day, and fanciers of the Chesapeake Bay dog predict that he is just about due to arrive.

The Chesapeake is extremely conservative, and is well known only to a few. However, after he has once established himself in the heart of his owner no other kennel, however handsome, can take his place.

For many years much has been written regarding the true type and origin of the Chesapeake which has served only to confuse the uninitiated, for scarcely any two of these authorities have agreed.

Earl Henry, of Albert Lea, Minn., one of the pioneer breeders of Chesapeakes, says: "Having had only a quarter of a century's experience with the breed, I do not feel competent to say which writer may be accepted as authority, but I am inclined to think the most authentic reports are handed down by the veteran George Kierstead, to whom I give credit for laying the foundation of the famous Chesapeake breed of to-day." Mr. Henry's slogan has always been: "Breed for the advancement of the Chesapeake Bay duck dog and for the benefit of sportsmen."

There are few celebrities in this breed, and most of them are the progeny of the great Sunday and Nellie, bred and owned by Mr. Kierstead. Most of them are content to spend their lives working for their masters. Just how long Master Chesapeake will be allowed to remain in seclusion is doubtful. He is just sturdy enough and rough enough and odd enough to create a furor in the show ring, as has the Airedale terrier, and more recently the German shepherd dog.

In "The American Book of the Dog" George Kierstead says: "There is no other breed of dog whose history extends back so far as that of the Chesapeake Bay, of which so little is known by the general public and the origin of which is so veiled in mystery."

"It was near the end of the eighteenth century when the breed became known in the United States. There is no doubt that the breed originated along Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and that it derived its name from that fact."

In giving the origin of the breed Mr. Henry says: "From the best authorities obtainable we have learned that about the year 1807 the ship Canton, of Baltimore, fell in at sea with an English brig in a sinking condition, bound from Newfoundland to England. The crew were taken aboard the Canton, also two puppies, a dog and a bitch. The English crew were landed on its native soil and the two puppies were purchased from the captain for a guinea apiece and taken to Baltimore."

The little dog, a dingy red in color, was called Sailor and was given to John Mercer, of West River; the bitch was black and was called Canton; she went to live with Dr. James Stewart, of Sparrow Point. These two dogs were compactly built; not so large as the Newfoundland; coat not long, but thick and wavy.

"Each attained a great reputation as a duck retriever, and it is said of them that they would follow a cripple for miles through ice and a heavy sea, and if successful in a capture would invariably bring the bird back to their owner. The dog Sailor was purchased by a wealthy fancier and was taken to his estate on the east shore of Maryland, where his progeny is still known as the Sailor breed."

While there is no record of any dogs produced from the union of these two, Sailor and Canton, the supposition is that it is to these are due credit for the now famous breed of Chesapeake Bay duck dogs.

There are now to be met with any number of pseudo Chesapeake Bay dogs, but their appearance suggests that they have been crossed with the setter or spaniel, and this accounts for the different types found. The explanation of this cross breeding is that the Chesapeake Bay dog with an authenticated pedigree is not to be met with every day, and especially since the close of the Civil War, which made such devastation in the Southern States.

While there are a number of dogs used for breeding purposes, and their produce sold as Chesapeake Bay dogs, some of them are so full of alien blood that they do not even reproduce themselves, much less transmit the qualities claimed for the Chesapeake Bay dog. There are, however, dogs used for breeding the progeny of which may be dependent upon to reproduce themselves and transmit this with their other good qualities. This is surely proof positive that the Chesapeake Bay duck dog does exist in purity and that it is an distinct breed as the setter, pointer or any other breed, though much fewer in numbers.

For years promising breeding was kept up along the shores of Chesapeake Bay, so that it became negligibly impossible to obtain a specimen that would conform to the description of Sailor and Canton.

The characteristics of the Chesapeake Bay dog that especially command him to wild fowl shooters are, first, his good, hard common sense. There is no retriever so cool headed and quiet as the Chesapeake, and for this reason he does not run up his strength foolishly, going after he knows not what, and many times on a "wild goose chase" literally. Every hunter has seen hot headed dogs which do this continually.

The Chesapeake has the strength and power to go where he will, and he has the will to go where the duck falls, be it through ice, mud, rice beds or what it may—he will get there. When he does get there, if the duck proves to be a cripple, he has the stick-to-itiveness to follow the trail until he picks up the bird. He also has a nose that does not require him to go chasing all over the marsh in the hope of running across his quarry; he goes directly to it and retrieves it. Many persons are of the opinion that the Chesapeake depends on his wonderful sight to secure his game.

CHESAPEAKE BAY DUCK DOGS WHICH TO KNOW MEANS TO LOVE ALMOST ON SIGHT



DOLLY J., ONE OF THE PIONEERS
OF THE BREED.

ERRONEOUS REPORTS
SMIRCH CHAMPIONS

Entering Dogs but Not Showing Them Leads to Wrong Impression.

There have been many erroneous reports of late regarding the defeat of certain champions by lesser lights which have been entered in the same classes, and these reports have not been at all pleasing to the owners of the dogs. The way such mistakes occur is through the fact that the champions concerned are entered but are not shown or have been entered for specials only. The persons reporting the show note simply that their names are in the list and that no awards are marked after them.

Such a mistake was made in regard to the Scottish deerhound, Champion Roderick of Closeburn, whose defeat was recorded at the recent Philadelphia show. Roderick, like many other dogs entered, was kept away by the weather, and without stopping to inquire whether he were present or not some scribes more zealous than reliable reported that he had met his Waterloo.

Several litters by this wonderful dog, which is conceded to be the best of his kind in America, are expected shortly at the Closeburn Kennels. Perhaps in the lot there will be one or more which will make the American bred champions Chansman and Chieftain, look to their laurels.

A Pomeranian was the blue ribbon winner among the matrons. This was Miss Ellen Ladlin's little Mistress Peggy. Sunny H., a Jap, was second choice. Miss Ladlin showed two other Poms. Lady Dolly won the yellow ribbon, and Nancy Lynd went unplaced.

The club trophy for the best in the show was won by Mrs. Minturn's Pekingeses, Yuan of Alderbourne.

The surprise of the season was sprung by the Woodmere Kennel Club last Tuesday evening, when it held its sixth club match at the Hotel Gregorian.

Arrangements had been made to accommodate seventy-five dogs, and when 16 answered the rollcall James Mortimer, who judged a majority of the breeds, realized that he had his work cut out for him.

There were complete classifications for Boston terriers and French bulldogs, and it was well toward midnight before Mr. Mortimer arrived at the variety classes.

William Burtsenham placed Alredales.

There were two classes for these wire-haired beauties—limit dogs and limit bitches. This excluded the champions and gave the lesser lights a chance. First choice in dogs was B. W. Pennell's Pequot Dick. In bitches Mr. Burtsenham chose W. M. Jones's Corzane Model. She was placed over Mr. Pennell's Vick and Louis S. Greener's Peggy G.

In Pekingese Mr. Mortimer had no difficulty in choosing the winner, and it was none other than the famous Yuan of Alderbourne, which was recently imported to the Rockcliffe Kennels by Mrs. John Minturn. Second choice was Mrs. A. M. Hunter's little Chin Toy of Arden, which won in her class at the Palace show. Mrs. Daly's Teo Le and Reuben Clark's Ashbourne Li Hung took the yellow and white ribbons.

Others in the class were Go Gin of Hyde, James Campbell's Little Billie and Jim Ting III, and A. M. Meech's Yuan Shih-kai.

In bitches Mrs. A. McClure Haller brought out the winner. It was an exceptionally fine home-bred called Wendi of Lienried. She was chosen in preference to James Campbell's Little Mary, Mary of Wampagne and H. A. Baxter's Phil Sing.

In the variety class for all breeds except toys Mr. Mortimer had more than a score of dogs from which to select. He chose a handsome Great Dane, called Vohr's Mars, just out of the puppy class, giving him the preference over Charles Ludwig's well known winner, Prince von Weissenau.

Alison M. Ledger's Culford President was third, and a West Highland white terrier, Duntron, from the kennels of Miss Mollie Lawton, took an H. C.

Others in the class were John A. Dono's Buster, a promising English bulldog; Timothy J. Higgins, a schipperke called Hazelhead Charm; an Irish terrier.

April 4 to 6—The Northwestern Kennel Club, at St. Paul. Secretary, John E. Selle, No. 408 Capital Bank Building, St. Paul. Entries close March 31.

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April 20—The Toy Dog Club of New England, at Cambridge, Mass. Secretary-treasurer, Frank T. Eskrigge, Boston. Entries close.

April 20—The French Bulldog Club of America Specialty Show, at New York City. Acting secretary, Grant Norman. Entries close.

April 20—Lemont Dog Show, at Lemont, Mass. Secretary, E. S. Delafield. Entries close August 27.

November 11 and 12—French Bulldog Club of New England, at Boston. Secretary, Walter Burgess. Entries close.

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DOG FANCIER KILLED

Friends of Karl Bjurman Are

Arranging Testimonial.

Karl Bjurman, one of the best known and most popular dog fanciers in America, died last week a few moments after he had been run down by a motor truck in front of the Hudson County Hospital, where his wife lay ill with pneumonia. Mr. Bjurman was rushed into the hospital, but he died on the operating table.

Mr. Bjurman came to the East from Milwaukee. He established his kennels in Guttenberg, and through these kennels some of the best Great Danes, Dachshunds and other breeds have become famous.

The many friends of Mrs. Bjurman are raising a fund, which will attest their sympathy in a practical manner. Contributions may be made to Wilbur Purcell, No. 29 Broadway, and will be acknowledged in the columns of The Tribune. The cause is a worthy one and will commend itself to all.

GROOMING COLLIES FOR SPECIALTY SHOW

Interstate Club to Hold Fixture at Philadelphia Early

in May.

It behoves all collie breeders and exhibitors to start right in to get their favorites ready for the big collie specialty show, which will be held by the Interstate Collie Club of Philadelphia at the Bingham Hotel, Philadelphia, on May 2.

The classification is liberal and will enable large and small breeders to have a chance to get a slice of the trophies. In addition to the \$10, \$5 and \$3 offered in the regular classes, the silver cups are much sought after.

Judge Palmer is well known to collie breeders and it would be hard to find a more popular selection.

The show will be a four pointer, and the central location of the venue makes it accessible to all exhibitors. The Bingham is directly opposite the Reading depot, and only two blocks from the Pennsylvania station.

A committee has been appointed to take care of all dogs coming from a distance and these dogs will be shown in the ring by capable men.

Many Dog Shows Are Set for Near Future

Earliest Will Be of French Bulldogs, To Be Held

on Wednesday Evening.

The French Bulldog Club of America will hold a match open to all at the Albemarle-Hoffman on Wednesday, March 25. Judging will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. For particulars address F. L. Hamm, chairman of the match committee, Jamaica, Long Island.

Mrs. Thomas W. Larson's kennels of old English sheepdogs, chows and Frenchies are now under the management of Amos Foster.

Walter Stern's recently imported Scottish terrier bitch Bapton Beryl holds the American record for attaining champion ship honors. Beryl completed her championship in this country in twenty-one days. She won at Newark, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Rochester.

E. M. Dodge, of Pittsfield, Mass., who recently purchased the French bulldog Champion Nellcote Gamin from the Purdy brothers, expressed himself as being delighted with his acquisition.

Mr. Dodge has a small but exceedingly good kennel of Frenchies, but Gamin would grace any collection. He is the size of some of the best in the country.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America has about decided to start a training school for dogs. Mrs. C. Haleste Yates, president of the club, has announced that a location has been tentatively chosen, and that all plans will soon be complete. It is hoped that the new school will be in operation by June 1.

Wilbur Purcell will be a busy man during the next two months. He has a half dozen shows to superintend, some of them among the most important of the season.

On April 17 and 18 the French Bulldog Club of America will hold its specialty show at the Hotel Astor. On May 23 the Nassau County Kennel Club will hold its

bench show at Belmont Park. The Boston Terrier Club of New York has chosen May 28 as the date of its specialty show, which will be held at the Hoffman Show, and two days later the Long Island Kennel Club will hold its show at the Sheepshead Bay racetrack.

For information concerning any of the above shows address Wilbur Purcell, No. 29 Broadway, New York.

FIFTY DACHSHUNDS SHOWN

South Shore Dricks Adjudged Best at Gregorian Hotel.

The Dachshunde Club held a match show at the Gregorian Hotel on Friday night, and a good crowd was on hand to applaud the leaders of the popular little breed. There were fifteen special prizes to be divided among the half-hundred competitors, which were classified in six divisions.

Puppy dogs under six months were led by Mrs. A. H. Ahrensden's Maenne, a good looking youngster which was making his bow to the public. In bitches William Roethke's Lady Jane was the winner.

Mrs. A. H. Hungerford had a number of her South Shore home-bred entered. Little Komeraid, which made his debut in the class for puppies between six and twelve months, went to win, defeating F. Tiedemann's Giencrest Heckel, which was placed reserve. A kennel mate of Heckel's, called Frost, was first choice in the puppy bitch over six months.

Open bitches was won by Mr. Bachler's Frida Kay, but she was beaten in the winners' class by Glencrest Keler, a long-haired matron, which won a blue in her division.

Mrs. Hungerford's South Shore Dricks, a beautiful black and tan dog, was adjudged the best in the show.

A meeting was held before the show, and several fanciers were elected to membership in the Dachshunde Club.

Pitches Full Nine Innings.

Memphis, March 21.—Koenster pitched the full nine innings for the Chicago Cubs and held Memphis, of the Southern League, to four hits. The Cubs won by a score of 5 to 2.

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